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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN CIVAIR RELATIONS

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1. AMBASSADOR TOGO ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER FUKADA CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AFTERNOON OF JUNE 29 TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF CIVAIR ISSUES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. DISCUSSION COVERED WELL-KNOWN GROUNDS. AMBASSADOR SAID JAPAN WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED IN US RESPONSE PRESENTED ON JUNE 27, IMPLYING THAT JAPANESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD PERSUADED OTHER AGENCIES TO ADOPT WHAT HE TERMED WAS THE REASONABLE JAPANESE COUNTER PROPOSAL OF JUNE 17. COOPER PRESSED TO ASCERTAIN REASONS FOR JAPAN NOT BEING WILLING TO APPROVE THE FREIGHTER AIRCRAFT SUBSTITUTIONS AS FILED. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT, WHILE US POSITION MAY BE CORRECT FROM LEGALISTIC POINT OF VIEW, IT WAS
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UNTHINKABLE IN JAPAN THAT US WOULD EXPECT JAPAN TO AGREE TO ADDITIONAL US AIRLINE CAPACITY ON ADVENT OF REVISION TALKS WITH PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS TO CORRECT THE FUNDAMENTAL IMBALANCE. COOPER REPLIED THAT, WHILE US RECOGNIZED THAT JAPAN SHOULD HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO OPERATE ON ROUTES AND THAT THEREFORE ROUTE EXPANSION FOR JAPAN WAS ENVISIONED, US FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NOT INTERVENE

TO FORCE AIRLINES TO SHARE MARKETS. HE NOTED THAT MARKET SHARING WOULD BE CONTRARY TO JAPANESE INTEREST IN OTHER ECONOMIC AREAS.

2. AMBASSADOR TOGO MADE NO NEW PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE THE IMPASSE. COOPER SUGGESTED THAT, IF THE JAPANESE PROBLEM WAS ONE OF APPEARING TO CONCEDE TO A US POSITION ON A PERMANENT BASIS IN ADVANCE OF REVISION TALKS, ONE WAY OUT WOULD BE FOR JAPAN TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULED CHANGES AS FILED BY USG ON A TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. AMBASSADOR TOGO AGREED TO RESPOND TO THIS PROPOSAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. RE PARA 4 TOKYO 9687 SUGGESTING A BLOCKING OFF OF CAPACITY ON THE LARGER FREIGHTER AIRCRAFT, UPON REVIEW WITH THE AIRLINES CONCERNED, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THIS IS NOT A WORKABLE ARRANGEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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